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Philadelphia and Montgomery County Receive Important Federal Dollars for Safer Streets and Communities

On Monday, November 14, Representative Schwartz presented a check for \$3.2 million for safety improvements for Roosevelt Boulevard to Philadelphia police representatives and city officials. The \$3.2 million investment will go towards implementing safety measures, including crossover and crosswalk improvements and improved signage and lighting.

Schwartz, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, secured the Roosevelt Boulevard funds as part of \$42 million she secured for the 13th district in the national highways bill.



Congresswoman Schwartz presents a check for \$3.2 million for Roosevelt Blvd. safety improvements to Philadelphia police officers.

Congresswoman Schwartz is also pleased to announce that Montgomery County first responders will receive \$650,000 in federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2006 Science, State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriations Bill. Schwartz secured \$100,000 in COPS Law Enforcement Technology grants for the New Hanover Township and Rockledge Borough police departments. Each police department, respectively, will receive \$50,000 to upgrade and purchase communications equipment and technologies to better protect the public and to help ensure officer safety.

"These grants are an important investment to ensure that our local first responders have the tools and equipment they need to keep our communities safe and secure," said Rep. Schwartz.

Local law enforcement officials expressed their strong gratitude of Rep. Schwartz's work in delivering this important funding.

"We appreciate Representative Schwartz's strong support for our police department. This grant will enable us to better protect the citizens of our community and we are pleased that Congresswoman Schwartz worked so hard to help deliver this critical funding," said New Hanover Township Police Chief Michael A. Dykie.

Rockledge Chief of Police Jim Leary said, "We appreciate Allyson Schwartz's hard work and effort to help secure this grant for our borough. Now more than ever, it is vital that our police officers have the equipment and tools they need in order to protect the public's safety. Once again, this is an excellent example of the team work that unites our police department, our borough leadership, and our Congressional advocates working together towards a safer community."

The Rockledge Borough police department will use the funds to purchase in-car equipment/cameras, portable radios, computers and electronic filing systems.

The New Hanover Township police department will use the grant to purchase and install "Toughbook" Panasonic computer data terminals for the department's patrol vehicles and install software upgrades and an external antenna at police headquarters for the transfer of report information. The new laptops will give officers the ability to access the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's data base so they can look up files as well as the National, State, and Local law enforcement databases.

In addition to the \$100,000 in funding for New Hanover and Rockledge, Schwartz announced that Montgomery County will receive \$550,000 to support the construction of a new training facility for local law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics. The facility, currently in design and planning stages, will provide training for the region's 1,600 certified law enforcement officers, 1,200 EMS personnel and 5,000 firefighters, including terrorism exercises, hazardous material situations, weapons of mass destruction and other large-scale operations.

"Every day local first responders risk their lives to protect our communities. The training facility will ensure our police, firefighters, and EMTs have access to important training classes and exercises," added Schwartz.

Schwartz worked closely with Representative Jim Gerlach to secure funding for the joint Montgomery County first responder training facility

Rep. Schwartz Votes for Tough Penalties for Crimes Committed Against Judges and Public Safety Officials

Congresswoman Schwartz voted in support of the Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act, a bill that will increase federal penalties for the assault, murder, or kidnapping of judges or their immediate family. Specifically, this tough-on-crime legislation will make it a federal crime to kill or assault public safety officers or other court workers and bars the possession of dangerous weapons, in addition to guns, in federal courts.

"This bill sends a strong message to criminals – if you commit a violent crime against a judge or public safety official you will pay a heavy penalty for your actions," said Rep. Schwartz. Schwartz added, "Every day thousands of judges and court officers work to keep criminals in jail and protect our communities. This bill is about protecting those that protect us – our judges and public safety officials."

The bill was endorsed by several police and legal organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Police and the National Association of Police Organizations.

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